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FIRE CREATES HAVOC IN SEVERAL PLACES

Threatening Blaze in Boston Wrecks Big Warehouse.

PROPERTY ENDANGERED

More Destruction at McGill University Early Today.

ROOF GARDEN IS DESTROYED

Skating Rink on New York Theater is Wrecked—Criterion Theater Damaged.

BOSTON, April 16.—A fire of threatening proportions broke out on Central wharf shortly before 10:30 p.m. today in one of the large store houses. A report that a large quantity of oil was stored there caused considerable excitement, and three alarms were sounded in quick succession. When the firemen arrived there was a loud explosion of an oil tank. Following the explosion flames burst from the windows. Several days containing cotton were set on fire. They were dragged out into Atlantic avenue ablaze. Several persons who were burned by the sudden outbreak of flames were taken to the Relief Hospital.

Started With an Explosion.

The warehouse is a large stone structure standing at the junction of Central wharf and Atlantic avenue. The flames are said to have started after an explosion on the premises of the Eastern Oil Company. It is reported that two men, Charles Murray and Michael Leary, are missing.

Millions of Property Endangered.

Millions of dollars' worth of property was endangered, owing to the fact that the wind was blowing in the direction of the harbor, the firemen were able to keep the flames from spreading toward the city. The fire started on the second or third floor of the oil refining plant of Howe, French & Co. The explosion burst open the doors and windows of the building, and sheets of flame, fed by burning oil, shot across the wharf, scorching the sheds of the Boston and Philadelphia Steamship Company on the opposite side. Several houses, including a wood, cotton and general merchandise, were set on fire by the sudden outbreak of flames. A number of horses attached to the wagons were burned so badly that they had to be shot.

SECOND FIRE AT MCGILL.

Another Disastrous Blaze—The University at Montreal.

MONTREAL, April 16.—A second disastrous fire within two weeks visited McGill University at an early hour today and practically destroyed the medical building, one of the oldest and most valuable of the splendid collection in the college grounds. The result of the fire was a complete destruction, in addition to the usual equipment of a college medical building, the museum, one of the best on the continent, was destroyed. The loss in this cannot be considered in money value, as the museum has been collecting for nearly three-quarters of a century and contained many absolutely priceless specimens. The magnificent medical library, however, was saved.

Immediately after the disastrous fire which wiped out the engineering building, the university authorities, it is understood, placed a half million dollars' extra insurance on the whole campus. The medical building will share in this. It is doubtful whether the insurance will cover one-half of the actual damage. The buildings were erected at a cost of about \$250,000. The collections which they contained are practically beyond all estimate as to value. Dr. F. J. Schlegel, stated that the fire had destroyed his anatomical collection. This collection was famous throughout America.

ROOF GARDEN WRECKED.

New York Theater and the Criterion Damaged by Fire.

NEW YORK, April 16.—Fire wrecked the roof garden and skating rink on the top of the New York Theater early today, and it is believed also that much damage was done to the Criterion Theater by water which was poured on the roof garden blaze. It was only after a stubborn fight of more than two hours that the fire was controlled, the flames being driven back time and again by the heavy churning water from the fire-flooding and rubber packing, which had been installed under the floor to deaden the sound.

YOUNG DOCTOR SHOT.

Fort Wayne Man Victim of a Crazy Patient.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE STAR.
FORT WAYNE, Ind., April 16.—Dr. Lyman P. Rawles, a young practitioner, was shot four times, probably fatally, in the doorway of his home in Huntington, ten miles north of Fort Wayne, last night. His wife answered a knock at the door and a wildly excited man asked for the doctor. When Dr. Rawles opened the door and looked out into the street he saw a man pulling a revolver and pointing it at him. As the doctor fell prostrate into his wife's arms he gasped: "August Benfert shot me." Dr. Rawles was hurried to Fort Wayne on an interurban car and is in a serious condition, although still conscious.

DUEL AND A SUICIDE

Italian Cousins in a Street Fight in Gotham.

MURDER ADDED TO LIST

When Police Came to Capture Victor He Killed Himself.

RINGHAM'S MEN HARD AT WORK

Strenuous Efforts Being Made to Put a Stop to New York's Carnival of Crime.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE STAR.
NEW YORK, April 16.—New reminders of the ready revolver of a certain class of Italians and others were had today, and served as a further incentive. If any were needed, for Police Commissioner Bingham in his crusade against men who carry concealed weapons. Policeman Alfred Seiler, who was shot, with Policeman Seiler, in Washington Park on Sunday, died in St. Vincent's Hospital. One of the bravest and most popular men in the department, his death made his fellow policemen all the more active in their hunt for desperadoes who go about armed with stilettoes and revolvers. It was expected that many more arrests would be made in addition to the 100 or so that were made last night.

Duel in the Street.

The quarrel began early last evening. At about 11 o'clock the two men met by chance in front of their homes, and whipping out revolvers opened fire on each other. A bullet from Cica's weapon lodged in the right side of St. Mary's head. Cica escaped in the confusion and returned to his home. Dr. Pettigill was called to the scene from St. Mary's Hospital. When he arrived Tibbiano was in a critical condition. For two hours Cica remained out of sight. At 1 o'clock this morning, after the neighborhood had been thoroughly searched for some trace of Cica, he returned to his home and went upstairs. The police got wind of the fact he was there and were after him in a moment.

Shot Sounded Out.

Just as they entered the hall a shot sounded out above, and when they investigated they found Cica dead on the floor of his room, shot in the head.

Police Commissioner Bingham Has Decided That if You Can't Reduce Crime in This City by Moral Suasion, You Can Help a Lot by Removing the Means of Committing It.

Especially among the Italian population. For this reason the commissioner has begun a round-up of all Italians who can be found carrying concealed weapons.

HOWL RAISED OVER PICTURES.

Hackensack Protest Against Naughty Studio Views.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE STAR.
HACKENSACK, N. J., April 16.—A series of moving pictures purporting to portray Evelyn Nesbit in Stanford White's studio in the tower in Madison Square garden were advertised to be given in this place next Monday night, but because of the howl that has been raised against it other pictures will be substituted.

SPooner's Successor.

Deadlock Predicted When Legislature Takes Up the Election.

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MADISON, Wis., April 16.—That there will be a long deadlock in the legislature over the election of a successor to Senator John C. Spooner appeared certain last night after the republican caucus, which lasted two hours.

HUNGARIANS AMBUSHED.

One Killed and Another Fatally Wounded by Cowardly Assassins.

WHEELING, W. Va., April 16.—While a party of ten Hungarians employed at the Red Bird mine, three miles north of here on the Ohio side, were walking along a lonely road near the village of Rayland early today they were fired upon by an ambushing party, fortified on a high bank overlooking the road. John Wysinski was shot dead and Sam Wysinski was fatally wounded. The others fled to Rayland and secured help, but when a posse reached the scene the assassins had gone.

SHIPBUILDERS' STRIKE.

Non-Unionists Quit Because of Dissatisfaction Over Pay.

SUPERIOR, Wis., April 16.—Fifty strike breakers at the shipyards quit work last night after drawing their pay. Dissatisfaction with wages is the excuse assigned. The strikers held this as a victory and claim that they will follow tonight.



SEEIN' THINGS. Sometimes they're in the corner, sometimes they're by the door. Sometimes they're all-around in the middle of the floor. Sometimes they're a-sittin' down, sometimes they're walkin' round. So softly an' so creeplike they never make a sound! Sometimes they're as black as ink, an' other times they're white— But the color ain't no difference when you see things at night.

OKLAHOMA'S CONVENTION.

Reconvened at Guthrie to Finish Work on Framing Constitution.

GUTHRIE, Okla., April 16.—The constitutional convention, which adjourned a month ago after drafting a constitution for the proposed new state of Oklahoma, reconvened here today to finish its work by signing the engrossed document.

During the intermission it has been disclosed that the convention's power is limited, and the recent decision of Judge Burford of the Oklahoma supreme court, curtailing the election board's authority, will force the convention either to drop transportation to the convention, or to ignore the order of the court.

President Murray and some of the other leading delegates will, it is said, advise the convention that they will not recognize the order of the court.

PIERS WILL NOT BE READY.

Water Approach to Jamestown Exposition Grounds.

According to Capt. Spencer Cosby, the engineer in charge of the work, the water approach to the Jamestown exposition grounds, for which Congress appropriated \$405,000, will not be finished by May 2 next, as provided by the contract with the Scofield Company of Philadelphia. The approved project calls for the construction of two piers, extending from the exposition grounds into the waters of Hampton roads, connected at the outer end by an arch sufficiently high to permit small craft to pass under it into a basin or harbor about twelve feet deep; and also the dredging of a channel twelve feet deep and about 200 feet wide from deep water in Hampton roads to the piers. Congress appropriated \$400,000 for the pier and \$45,000 for dredging the channel, but allowed only about six months time for completing the work before the date set for opening the exposition.

NOTED STATESMAN HONORED.

Von Moeller Guest at German Club Reception at Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 16.—Theodore von Moeller, minister of state of Germany, who was at the dedication of the Carnegie Willard H. Brownson, just relieved of command of the Asiatic fleet, will relieve Rear Admiral George A. Converse, retired, of his duties as chief of the bureau, and Commander Charles J. Badger, formerly commander of midshipmen at the Naval Academy, will assume the duties of assistant chief of the bureau as the relief of Capt. William P. Potter, who will then take active command of the new battleship Vermont, recently placed in commission at the East River, where the Vermont will be attached to the Atlantic fleet.

AGAINST STANDARD OIL.

Some Indiana Officials Bring Serious Charges of Fraud.

CHICAGO, April 16.—Taxing authorities of Lake county, Ind., have instigated an action against the Standard Oil Company of Whiting as a result of investigations in charge of County Assessor Black. It is alleged that the company for four years has sequestered millions of dollars' worth of valuable property from tax duplicates. It is estimated by the officials that the Standard Oil Company should be paying taxes on \$100,000,000 worth of property, when it is assessed on the tax duplicates for only \$2,000,000. The company, it is asserted, has evaded payment of taxes on eighty-one houses, built four years ago, which it rents to employees. Millions of barrels of oil are stored in great steel tanks, and there is improved property along the Pennsylvania tracks amounting to \$1,000,000. The Standard has been paying \$50,000 a year, when it should have paid ten times that amount, the tax officers claim.

Rates on Berries.

WILMINGTON, Del., April 16.—The Pennsylvania railroad has completed its schedule of rates for the shipment of berries during the coming season, a reduction of 10 cents on the 100 pounds in most cases on carload lots. In the shipment to points in Pennsylvania and New York state the company proposes to establish the same rate as the competitive lines from Baltimore.

Division Freight Agent Kingston of the Pennsylvania railroad says the tariff for the shipment of peaches has not yet been fixed, but it will be lower than last year.

AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Mr. Conant Tells the President of the Cuban Situation.

STABILITY IS DESIRED

Premature Withdrawal of Americans Opposed.

REFORM IN ACCOUNTING

Members of Joint Postal Commission Call—Appeal of Senator Borah of Idaho.

"Cubans and others engaged in business in Cuba are well satisfied with the announcements made by the administration, through Secretary Taft, that American control of the affairs of the island will continue for some time to come," said C. A. Conant today, after he had talked briefly with the President about what he had seen and heard on a recent trip to the island.

Reform in Accounting.

Senator Carter and Representative Moon of the joint postal commission authorized by Congress to examine the business methods of the Post Office Department called on the President to introduce Arthur L. Dickinson and Francis P. White, representing the firms of expert accountants who have been selected to investigate the defects of the accounting system of the department and recommend a modern system of accounting. The commission feels that tremendous improvement can be made in the work of the Post Office Department, and it will be in a position to make recommendations after it gets through with its work.

Appeal From Senator Borah.

Attorney General Bonaparte informed the President at the cabinet meeting today that an appeal has reached him from United States Senator Borah of Idaho, who has indicted a number of prominent publishers of the state. Senator Borah has succeeded Senator Dubois, who retired in 1915. It is claimed by the friends of Borah that various interests of this celebrated case are more or less involved in his indictment.

TO TAKE BUREAU POSITION.

Admiral Brownson Will Go to the Navy Department.

Important changes will occur in the bureau of navigation, Navy Department, about the middle of May. Rear Admiral Willard H. Brownson, just relieved of command of the Asiatic fleet, will relieve Rear Admiral George A. Converse, retired, of his duties as chief of the bureau, and Commander Charles J. Badger, formerly commander of midshipmen at the Naval Academy, will assume the duties of assistant chief of the bureau as the relief of Capt. William P. Potter, who will then take active command of the new battleship Vermont, recently placed in commission at the East River, where the Vermont will be attached to the Atlantic fleet.

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LABOR WANTS TO KNOW.

Federation of Labor Will Send Special Messenger to White House.

CHICAGO, April 16.—One week having passed since the Chicago Federation of Labor sent its telegram to President Roosevelt, and no answer having been received, the officials of the federation will, at its meeting tomorrow, send a special messenger from Chicago to the White House to ask the President to verify the language credited to him in referring to Moyer and Haywood as "undesirable citizens."

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BUSY DAY FOR PEACE ADVOCATES

Women Hold a Meeting at Carnegie Hall.

TWO AFTERNOON MEETINGS

Commercial Aspects of the Meeting to Be Discussed.

SOME DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS

Mrs. Julia Ward Howe Writes a Letter, in Which She Deplores Desire for War.

Two Meetings This Afternoon.

In the afternoon there will be two meetings, one at the Hotel Astor, when commercial aspects of the peace movement will be discussed, and a young people's meeting at Carnegie Hall. Secretary of Commerce and Labor Stuart will be the speaker at the Hotel Astor meeting, and addresses also will be delivered by Baron d'Estournelles de Constant, head of the international conciliation committee; Nathan J. Bacheiler, former governor of New Hampshire; James W. Van Cleave, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, and others. William T. Stead, the London editor, Baron d'Estournelles, Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, Pennsylvania superintendent of public instruction, and Henry Bailey Turner of the Massachusetts board of education, will be among the speakers at the young people's meeting.

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Among the speakers at the university meeting will be Dr. John Rhys, head of Jesus College and pro vice-chancellor of the University of Oxford, England, who will take for his subject "The Relation of Peace to the Future of the World." The University of Toronto will also discuss the question of organized labor in relation to the peace movement. Representative educators and labor men will address the respective meetings.

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Dr. Austin S. Tinsley Dead.